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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/930,160	Applicant(s) KRAVTCHENKO ET AL.	
	Examiner Diem K. Cao	Art Unit 2194	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-13,15-18 and 21-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-13,15-18 and 21-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 8/6/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1,3-7,9-13,15-18 and 21-35 are pending. Applicant has amended claim 1. and added claims 34-35

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/1/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1, 3-4, 7, 11, 21, 28, and 30-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wess, Jr. (U.S. 6,163,781) in view of Lau (U.S. 2002/0133510 A1).**

5. As to claim 1, Wess teaches
 - selecting a file on a local drive or by URL, wherein the file includes a name of an object (permitting human users to send and receive data, and to control various operations of the

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processing system; col. 6, lines 11-14, Network interface converts the format of data and commands ... textually-based data objects; col. 6, lines 16-29 and lines 53-57, col. 13, lines 3-10),

- uploading the file including the name of the object to a server (data and command from the remote system 116 ... processing system 115; col. 6, lines 16-29 and Fig. 7),
- storing data of the file in a storage of the utility (When a data object instance ... by the functional components 106 and 108; col. 7, lines 38-44),
- downloading and saving a report to the user after the data processing is completed (returning the actual values ... in the remote computer system 116; col. 8, line 60 – col. 9, line 13),

6. However, Wess does not teach starting a session, a business object, delivering the data to the business object corresponding to the name uploaded to the server, with the business object, performing a task on the delivered data, the task performing including invoking a code included in the business object. Lau teaches starting a session (The laboratory's POS ... designated database; col. 14, lines 14-34), a business object (update objects 240; col. 8, line 60 – col. 9, line 21), delivering the data to the business object corresponding to the name uploaded to the server (the data model ... tags attached; col. 11, lines 60-62), with the business object, performing a task on the delivered data (The update type ... new record object; col. 9, lines 46-52), the task performing including invoking a code included in the business object (the update object ... audit fields 247; col. 9, lines 14-21).

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7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Wess and Lau because it provides a method of exporting and importing of data in object-relation databases using business objects.

8. As to claim 3, Wess does not teach the code includes doImport/Export. However, Wess teaches import and export functionalities are provided in the system (col. 12, lines 16-32). Lau teaches objects provide import/export functionalities (title and col. 9, lines 45-52).

9. As to claim 4, Wess does not teach the doImport/Export is a command to perform an operation. Lau teaches objects provide import/export functionalities (title and col. 9, lines 45-52), and objects include commands to perform operations (col. 9, lines 45-52). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Wess and Lau to include the doImport/Export command in the object that carries out the import/export functionalities

10. As to claim 7, Wess teaches the utility is designed to process the file on the remote server (col. 6, lines 25-29).

11. As to claim 11, Wess teaches the database of the utility includes a plurality of tables (col. 9, lines 55-57).

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12. As to claim 21, Wess teaches the file is a text file including command lines, header lines, and data (col. 6, lines 25-28 and col. 6, line 59 – col. 7, line 37).

13. As to claim 28, Wess teaches the utility is a deliverer of information (col. 12, lines 16-32).

14. As to claim 30, Wess teaches the utility includes a monitoring function, an error handling function, and reporting function (col. 8, line 43 – col. 9, line 13).

15. As to claim 31, Wess teaches the utility receives information from another system (col. 6, lines 16-29). However, Wess does not teach load information to the business object. Lau teaches the load information to the business object (col. 8, line 62-64 and col. 9, lines 45-52).

16. As to claim 32, Wess does not teach the utility receives information from the business object and stores information on another system. Lau teaches the utility receives information from the business object and stores information on another system (col. 4, lines 37-48).

17. As to claim 33, see rejection of claim 1 above. Lau further teach import and export data to the network application (title and abstract), and updating the data in the utility database based on the performance of the operation by the invoked business object (col. 9, lines 42-45).

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18. As to claim 34, Wess as modified teaches performing validation with the business object (col. 8, lines 46-60).

19. As to claim 35, Lau teaches the task comprises adding, deleting or updating of the data delivered to the business object (col. 9, lines 45-52).

20. Claims 5-6, 9-10, 12-13, 15-18, 22-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wess, Jr. (U.S. 6,163,781) in view of Lau (U.S. 2002/0133510 A1) further in view of Sprenger et al. (U.S. 6,363,388 B1).

21. As to claim 5, Wess does not teach the code includes an interface to support an export generation. Sprenger teaches the code includes an interface to support an export generation (col. 5, lines 45-50 and col. 18, lines 44-45). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Wess and Sprenger because it provides a method to manage data in the database using objects and can support a wide variety of hardware configurations, and easily scale up to meet added demands from the users.

22. As to claim 6, Wess as modified teaches the interface includes a code for throwing an attribute set returned by the business object (col. 8, line 60 – col. 9, line 13).

23. As to claim 9, Wess does not teach the session is for import and export operations. Sprenger teaches the session is for import and export operation (col. 5, lines 45-50).

24. As to claim 10, Wess does not teach the starting of a session includes generating a unique session ID. Sprenger teaches the starting of a session includes generating a unique session ID (col. 14, lines 34-39 and col. 19, lines 35-45).

25. As to claim 12, Wess does not explicitly each the plurality of tables include a user name and session ID storing table, a session status storing table, an initial session data storing table, a result storing table, an error message storing table, and a session log storing table. Sprenger teaches the plurality of tables include a user name and session ID storing table, a session status storing table, an initial session data storing table, a result storing table, an error message storing table, and a session log storing table (col. 4, lines 30-39, col. 14, lines 34-39, col. 14, lines 59-65, col. 17, lines 53-67, col. 18, lines 30-38, and col. 18, line 65 – col. 19, line 4).

26. As to claim 13, Wess does not teach the business object includes a code including a command that provides instance of the business object with an attribute. Sprenger teaches the business object includes a code including a command which provides instance of the business object with an attribute (col. 15, lines 25-26).

27. As to claim 15, Wess as modified does not teach the business object includes a findByAttributes. Wess teaches the query/retrieve functionality based on the search criteria such as column name of the table that provided by the file uploaded from the remote computer (col. 12, lines 16-32). Sprenger teaches objects provide import/export functionalities (col. 5, lines 45-

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50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art adding any type of commands/functions to the object is just a choice of implementation.

28. As to claim 16, Wess and Sprenger do not teach the findByAttributes supports object references in the file. However, Wess teaches sub-query is supported (col. 12, lines 26-32), and object reference is widely used in object and object-oriented programming language. It would have been obvious object reference is utilized in the system of Wess as modified by Sprenger.

29. As to claim 17, Wess as modified teaches the business object includes a code that receives a list of validated object attributes and returns a unique object identifier (col. 9, line 50 – col. 10, line 36).

30. As to claim 18, Wess as modified teaches the business object includes a code for notifying an end of the data processing (col. 17, lines 5-10).

31. As to claim 22, Wess does not teach the session is an export operation. Sprenger teaches the session is an export operation (col. 5, lines 45-50).

32. As to claim 23, Wess as modified teaches the business object exports all of its data or part of the data (col. 12, lines 16-32).

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33. As to claim 24, Wess does not teach the business object calls an interface including a plurality of codes. Sprenger teaches the business object calls an interface including a plurality of codes (col. 7, lines 2-9).

34. As to claim 25, Wess does not teach the plurality of codes include a first code including a name of operation and a business object class name to be inserted into an output file. Sprenger teaches the plurality of codes include a first code including a name of operation and a business object class name to be inserted into an output file (col. 7, lines 2-9 and col. 29, lines 50-51).

35. As to claim 26, Wess as modified does not teach the plurality of codes include onReceiveExport. Wess teaches the query/retrieve functionality based on the search criteria such as column name of the table that provided by the file uploaded from the remote computer (col. 12, lines 16-32). Sprenger teaches objects provide import/export functionalities (col. 5, lines 45-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art adding any type of commands/functions to the object is just a choice of implementation.

36. As to claim 27, Wess as modified does not teach the onReceiveExport is a code for throwing an attribute set returned by the business object. However, Sprenger teaches an object for carry out the import/export functionality (col. 5, lines 45-50). It would have been obvious the object provides a method to return the result set to the user after finish processing the function.

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37. As to claim 29, Wess does not teach the data is changed without changing the business object. Sprenger teaches the data is changed without changing the business object (col. 16, lines 25-32).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diem K. Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-3760. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 5:30AM - 2:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Due to the realignment of WG 2120, effective March 20, 2005, AU 2126 will become AU 2194.

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